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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is being filed in lieu of a Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated June 2, 2004. This amendment cancels rejected claims 71 and 73, the only two pending claims currently rejected. The Examiner's Answer provides a period of two months for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due by August 2, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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